

# Legislative Issue Brief – Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act



## **Catawba County Board of Commissioner's Legislative Goal**

### **Support the reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act**

#### **Background**

The Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPT) is eligible for reauthorization. Since 1974, CAPTA has been a key part of the federal government's effort to help states and communities improve their practices in preventing and treating child abuse and neglect. CAPTA provides grants to states to support innovation in state child protective services and community-based preventive services, as well as research, training, data collection, and program evaluation. Congress needs to reauthorize CAPTA this year with the goal of strengthening and supporting state and community child maltreatment prevention efforts.

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